

The fact the Sinclair Broadcasting is planning to broadcast an anti-Kerry program, under the guise of "news programming", in the days before a presidential election, is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter, rather than stories from centralized "News Central"..

We must strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.